

BC ENERGY REGULATOR NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONTRACT

The British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) is hereby giving notice on its intent to contract with VertiGIS North America Ltd. for the implementation a replacement spatial review application based on the VertiGIS Studio platform.

This initiative will replace an existing mission-critical application and includes the migration, redevelopment, and optimization of spatial data, workflows, and reporting capabilities to support ongoing regulatory operations.

Scope of Work

The contractor will provide professional services to support the design, development, configuration, and deployment of the replacement application. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **ArcGIS Webmap Configuration Support:** VertiGIS will assist BCER in configuring ArcGIS Web Maps to ensure compatibility with VertiGIS Studio Web and alignment with application requirements.
- **Workflow Redevelopment:** Existing Geocortex workflows used in the BCER's internal and public-facing applications will be redeveloped using VertiGIS Studio Workflow.
- **SOE Report Template Redevelopment:** VertiGIS will configure and optimize Spatial Overlay Engine (SOE) report templates to improve flexibility, reduce workflow complexity, and support consistent reporting outputs.
- **Solution Deployment:** VertiGIS will support the deployment of the solution across development, testing, and production environments.
- **Performance Testing and Optimization:** VertiGIS will conduct performance testing and tuning to address existing system performance issues and ensure the solution meets operational requirements, including logging and monitoring capabilities.
- **Project Deliver Support:** VertiGIS will provide technical project administration analysis, design, and testing services required to deliver the solution.

Justification for Direct Award

The BCER has chosen not to tender this contract for the following reasons:

1. VertiGIS North America Ltd. Is uniquely qualified to deliver this work due to its specialized expertise with the VertiGIS Studio Platform and direct knowledge of legacy GeoCortex-based implementations. The scope of this project requires the migration and redevelopment of complex, platform-specific configurations, workflows, and reporting components that are proprietary to VertiGIS technologies.

Engaging and alternative vendor would introduce significant risk related to knowledge transfer, redevelopment effort, solution integrity, and project timelines. VertiGIS is therefore considered the only vendor capable of delivering the required services within the necessary timeframe and with an acceptable level of risk.

Vendors wishing to object to this decision should contact the procurement team via email at Procurement@bc-er.ca on or before 2:00 p.m. local time on **July 23, 2026 presenting specific reasons for their objections**. Vendor ability to offer the same level of service at a lower cost in the same time frame will be the key criteria regarding the consideration of vendor objections.

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